

STEEPLE ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Buffery-King (Chair), Cllr Leonard, Cllr Jones, Cllr Dallison and Cllr Cottle.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Open Forum

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern:

- A resident asked the Parish Council to obtain an update on the planning situation at The Sanctuary, Dark Lane North.
- A resident reported that the pavement outside the village hall was deteriorating and asked whether something could be done to repair/strengthen the paving. The Chair confirmed that the Council would look into this. It was noted that the parking on the pavement was further damaging the paving slabs, which were not robust enough for this purpose.

	AGENDA ITEM
21.166	Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given Cllr Dampier due to another commitment, accepted.
21.167	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate None.
21.168	Minutes of Council Meetings The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th September 2021 were approved for accuracy and adopted (proposed Cllr Leonard, seconded Cllr Dallison).
21.169	Co-option of a Parish Councillor Following the Ordinary Elections in May 2021 members considered the co-option of a parish councillor. Mr Jonathan Tapper had expressed interest in the vacancy, and provided background information in support of his application. It was proposed by Cllr Leonard, seconded by Cllr Dallison and resolved to co-opt Mr Tapper as a parish councillor. Mr Tapper reported that he was waiting for confirmation from his

	employers as to his authority to join the PC and would so confirm with a view to joining the Council in November 2021.
21.170	<p>Wiltshire Council Report</p> <p>Cllr Seed had sent apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Seed would be copied in on the approach to the planning department regarding an update on planning at The Sanctuary, Dark Lane North. Cllr Leonard reported that he had referred a resident to Cllr Seed in respect of outstanding work required to local footpaths and the Clerk would advise Cllr Seed to expect this approach and register the PC's concern at the lack of response from the Rights of Way team at WC.</p>
21.171	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>PL/2021/08437 -Land at Ashton Road, Ashton Common, Steeple Ashton, BA14 6DY-Change of use of agricultural land to the recreational keeping of horses and erection of a stables building – No objection in principle with a request to the LPA that the following conditions be imposed on any permission granted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That users must park off the road. • That the development must be restricted to personal use, with no commercial element. • That any lighting installed should be kept to a minimum and be for security purposes only. <p>To receive and consider planning applications received after the issue of the agenda (<i>where the response time falls outside of the meeting schedule</i>) – None.</p>
20.172	<p>Consultation on Wiltshire Council's draft 'Climate Strategy' and 'Our Natural Environment Plan'</p> <p>Members had been provided with information on the consultation documents, which were introduced by Cllr Leonard. Following debate, it was agreed that the documents were comprehensive and no comment was required from the PC.</p>
20.173	<p>Football at St Mary's Playing Field</p> <p>Members received a report from Cllr Leonard following a meeting with the football teams; noted items covered during the meeting and the reports from the teams regarding overflowing bins, issues with the pitch marker, grass arising and booking arrangements. Each team was reported to play approximately 10 games a year and an increase in fees to cover the costs of the football use had been discussed, which the teams would consider. A response from the teams had been requested by the end of October, which could then be discussed at the November PC meeting. The Chair would make an approach to Mr Philpot in respect of the issues with and potential replacement of the line marker.</p>

20.174	<p>Kick wall, St Mary's playing field</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, despite chasing, the quotations for the repair of the kick wall had not yet been received. The item would therefore be deferred to the November meeting.</p>
20.175	<p>Overgrown tree, Newleaze</p> <p>Members had been provided with a report following the recent inspection of the overgrown tree at Newleaze and agreed that Cllrs Cottle and Leonard would visit the site to take a look at the tree and the footpath. The item was therefore deferred to the November meeting.</p>
20.176	<p>Village Defibrillator</p> <p>Members had been provided with an update on issues raised at the September meeting and considered the potential arrangements for an Awareness Evening. Following debate, it was agreed to query the detail of the incident in which the defibrillator was not noted to ascertain whether this was a call handler or call card issue. It was also agreed to arrange an Awareness Evening at a cost of £175 plus vat (proposed Cllr Buffery-King, seconded Cllr Cottle).</p>
20.177	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Members had been provided with the below listed reports, which were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Schedule of payments and receipts July – August 2021 b) Bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2021 c) Financial Position as at 31st August 2021
21.178	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Local resident re: reinstatement of Community Speed Watch – the PC welcomed the expression of interest and Mr Tapper undertook to carry out some research to ascertain how the group should be set up, so this could be taken forward. b) Westbury Town Council re: support for a legal challenge relating to the NRE incinerator development in Westbury – noted, and referred to the November meeting. The Clerk would endeavour to obtain additional information.
21.179	<p>Councillor and Clerk Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr Cottle</u> – reported that on the 15th October inflatable sand bags and salt would be available from the Devizes depot, and requested assistance with collection which was offered by Cllrs Jones and Leonard. It was also noted that prior authorisation had been given for the purchase of additional grit bins, which had been delayed due to Covid. The Clerk would send the detail of the resolution to Cllr Cottle in order for him to check that the decision was still appropriate.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jones</u> – referred to the Highways Report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that members would identify 2-3 priority items from the report, which could be referred to CATG for progression. The Clerk would add this as</p>

	<p>an agenda item for the November meeting so that a formal decision and referral to CATG could be made. It was agreed that Mr Tapper would be copied in on this given his field of expertise. Cllr Jones also reported that the hedges around Acreshort Park needed to be cut and it was noted that Cllr Cottle was liaising with Mr Bill Matthews to attend to this. Neighbouring residents would be informed of the impending works.</p> <p><u>Cllr Buffery-King</u> – raised the issue of the future use of the parish office, suggesting that she prepare a background note for consideration at the November meeting. It was noted that the filing in the office needed to be sorted and archived or disposed of as appropriate. Cllr Buffery-King reported that she was happy to assist with this process.</p> <p><u>Cllr Dallison</u> – raised the issue of residents parking on verges. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Wiltshire Council to obtain clarification on the policy on this issue. Cllr Jones would refer to previous CATG minutes to identify any relevant information.</p>
21.180	<p>Village Newsletter Members agreed the following items for inclusion in the village newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator Awareness Evening • Planning information
21.181	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 1st November</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.43 pm.